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RESEARCH

Westat, Inc.

Rockville, MD \$342,100 To support the completion of the 1997 National Survey of Public Participation in the Arts, including questionnaire development, pretesting, and interviewing a representative sample of 12,000 adults.

TECHNOLOGY

*The Benton Foundation Washington, DC \$500,000

To support the first year of OPEN STUDIO, a partnership to provide Internet access at arts organizations in all 50 states and to provide 10 World Wide Web mentoring sites where artists and arts organizations will be schooled in establishing their own Websites.

ACCESSABILITY

*The Actors Fund of America

New York, NY \$50,000 To support the Artists Health Insurance Project, which will create a national information source for health care and insurance for artists and arts administrators.

New England Foundation for the Arts

Boston, MA \$10,000

A cooperative agreement to support the first phase of a cooperative agreement to plan and develop a regional symposium to assist the six New England states in making their activities fully accessible to people with disabilities and older adults.

U. S. Department of Fustice

Washington, DC \$12,000

To support an interagency partnership to provide three one-year residencies in Federal correctional institutions in Tallahassee, Florida, Minersville, Pennsylvania, and Yankton, South Dakota.

William James Association Santa Cruz, CA \$12,000

A cooperative agreement to work with local arts councils to select artists, train them, monitor and evaluate three artists' residencies in Federal correctional institutions in conjunction with the Endowment's interagency work with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Technical Assistance Activities

\$13,500

To support technical assistance efforts including the National Assembly of Local Arts Agencies monograph on "The Arts and Older Americans," and accessibility seminars and panels for the Southeastern Museums Conference, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Generations United, and the National Council on Aging.